

DECLARATION AND PETITION

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
my residence, post office address and citizenship are  
as stated below next to my name,

I believe that I am the original and first inventor of  
the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent  
is sought on the invention entitled SURGICAL POSITIONING  
SYSTEM, the specification of which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the  
contents of the above-identified specification, including  
the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is  
material to the examination of this application, namely,  
information where there is a substantial likelihood that a  
reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding  
whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, in  
accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations,  
§ 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title  
35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s)  
for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have  
also identified below any foreign application for patent or  
inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of  
the application on which priority is claimed: None

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

Priority claimed

Number	Country	Date Filed	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United  
States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s)  
listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of  
the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior  
United States application in the manner provided by the  
first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, we

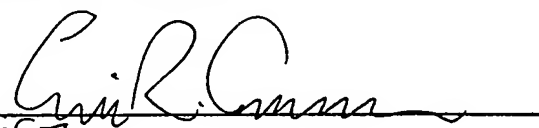
acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: None

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration and petition.

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Sir:

As named inventor in the application for United States Letters patent entitled SURGICAL POSITIONING SYSTEM for which I have this day executed application papers, I hereby appoint: Byard G. Nilsson, Reg. No. 17,350, Harold E. Wurst, Reg. No. 22,183, Robert A. Green, Reg. No. 28,301, Clarke A. Wixon, Reg. No. 39,878, Stephen D. Burbach, Reg. No. 40,285, John E. Wurst, Reg. No. 40,283, and Lance M. Kreisman, Reg. No. 39,256, all members of the bar of one or more states, all of the law firm of Darby & Darby P.C., 707 Wilshire Blvd., 32nd Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017, as my attorneys and agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

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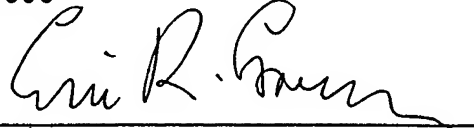
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